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In the PATENT APPLICATION of

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING  
A CENTERED BORE FOR THE FEMORAL...

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Prior to further examination, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

10. (Five times amended) An instrument for forming a centered bore in  
a femur in preparation for implantation of a femoral prosthesis, wherein the  
femur includes an intramedullary canal defined by an interior wall of cortical  
bone, the instrument comprising:

a handle joined to a proximal end of an elongated rod sized to be  
received within said canal; and

fins [non-displaceably] non-retractably disposed in a fixed position at a  
distal end of the rod, and projecting outwardly in opposing directions from  
the rod in a single planar relationship, for engaging the interior wall of the

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